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## OFFICIAL NOTICES AND WANTS

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Society was held pursuant to notices duly mailed the members, and resulted in the following transactions:

1. The fee for Life Membership was raised to $25.00, effective Jan. 1, 1928.

2. Any member of the family of a deceased Active Member, may be admitted on application, without payment of Membership Fee, but by payment of current member's dues.

3. An Official Coat-of-Arms, or Insignia of the Society for use by the Society, or its Members in good standing, was duly adopted, as will be noted on another page of this issue; and the Board of Trustees directed to arrange for procuring necessary dies, and to furnish members with accredited Official Stationery for their personal uses. Arrangements are under way, and members will shortly have suitable stationery available.

4. The assortment, tabulation, classification and charting of the mass of indiscriminate genealogical data in our possession, was found to be essential; and the Trustees were authorized to devise some plan for properly carrying out this work. The Trustees wish an expression from each member as to how best to secure help in doing this, and still keep the data and manuscripts available at the office of the society, and how to provide funds to employ such help.

5. The Treasurer displayed a form of blank chart designed to be sent to the members for furnishing data concerning collateral kin of the members and others. It was duly approved and will shortly be circulated.

6. The following Trustees were duly elected: Hon. Frederick Wells Blair, of Girard, Pa.; Dr. George Arthur Reed, and John Elmer Reed, Esq., both of Erie, Pa., who have in charge the election of officers, and they have duly elected the following persons for the several offices in the society: PRESIDENT, Dr. Samuel Blair Luckie, Chester, Pa.; 1st V. P., Hon. Frederick Wells Blair, Girard, Pa.; 2d. V. P., Mr. Alexander Blair, Macon, Ga.; Recording Secretary, Mr. Robert Wallace Blair, Girard, Pa.; Corr. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Claril Blair Blair, Mantua, Ohio, Genealogical Secretary and Editor of the Magazine, John Elmer Reed Esq., Erie, Pa.; Searchers, Mr. Maurice R. Blair, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Alice Blair Andrews, East Orange, N. J.; Mr. Calvin C. Blair, Beloit, Kas.; Mrs. Effemey Blair Wall, Los Angeles, Cal.

We unhesitatingly extend the hand-clasp of fellowship to the newly chosen Official Family of our lively and growing Society; and believe that the ensuing year will record a distinct advance in our achievements.

One of the most interesting of the Exchanges which reaches our desk is the "Genealogy Magazine," published by the Biblio Co., of Pompton Lakes, N. J.; and, while it has as yet furnished no data touching the work of the society, it furnishes many interesting lists, and is likely to soon print something relating to our own kin.

Active and Associate Members are urged to keep their annual dues paid up so as not to miss the Magazine, and more important still, that our treasury may keep abreast of its needs.

All members who have as yet not done so, are urged to send the Editor an approved photograph of him or her-self, for attaching to the Member's Record in the files. Please send yours soon.

Have you attended to forwarding the Society the Births, Marriages, Deaths, Graduations, Social—Political—Scientific—Scholastic—Commercial or other achievements of the BLAIRS which you may have come across? We cannot record them if our friends do not send them in. We are anxious for all of them.

Our Office now has on file "Planting of Presbyterianism in the Northern Neck of Virginia;" "Shenandoah Valley (Va.)" By Cartmell; "The Scottish Antiquary," 16 vol.; "Historical Homes and People of Chester and Delaware counties and vicinity," 2 vols.; "List of Colonial Soldiers of Va.;" "BLAIR GENEALOGY" by Miss Leavitt.

We desire some data upon our kin who are called by some "The Pocahontas Blairs." Do you know of a line tracing to that Indian Princess?

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., write us: "Our Genealogist feels that the Magazine will be a big help to us. Will you please put our name on your mail order list, and send us the Magazine regularly? Would it be possible for us to keep the chart "Form Four?" We would like to keep it for our files of sample forms.

Each Member of our Society is hereby constituted a Special Committee on Membership. The Society, as a body, will never achieve members, nor success. It will never achieve anything beyond what is accomplished by each of its members working alone, and using the organization as a vehicle for assisting in the search and compilation of BLAIR data. Every member has assured us that he or she stands ready to do whatsoever they can to promote the aims of our Society. The Society stands ready to co-operate as an organization, and as a membership group, with any member who wishes to help. So you see all that is needed now is for you. the Member, to roll up your sleeves, dig into your family records; search every record, history, D. A. R., S. A. R., State and County Archives; the old attic collections, ancient correspondence, old photographs; and any and every suspected place where BLAIR data may be lurking, in order to bring out into the light of day the records that have so far been baffling us all by their loss.

So now a pull all together for the honored Society. Commandeer any BLAIR persons you know of as Members. Report all data to the Society. Every one doing a little will in the aggregate amount to much for all . It is this co-operation and personal work that will put the Society over big.

"It ain't the guns nor armament,
Nor Funds that they can pay,
But the close co-operation
That makes them win the day.

"It ain't the individual,
Nor the Army as a whole,
But the everlastin' team-work
Of every bloomin' soul."—Selected.

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We are all indebted to Mrs. E. B. Wall, one of our very active members, for a photostat copy of a deed from the United States (signed by Geo. Washington, President) attested by Timothy Pickering, Secretary of State, to JOHN BLAIR, a Captain Lieutenant for three years to the United States, in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment; in consideration of military service and pursuant to the Act of Congress of August 10, 1790, entitled "An Act to enable the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment to obtain titles to certain

lands lying north-west of the River Ohio, between the little Miami and Sciota;" for a tract of land containing one thousand acres situate between the little Miami and Sciota Rivers, north-west of the River Ohio, as by Survey bearing date the sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and bounded and described as follows: to-wit: Survey of one thousand acres of land, part of a military warrant number forty-three (the whole number being for four thousand Acres) on the lower side of Ceazar's Creek—Beginning at two boxelders, honey locust and elm, upper corner to Clement Bidille's Survey number five hundred and sixty-seven, thence up the creek north three degrees east forty-eight poles, north thirty-two degrees west one hundred and twelve poles, north forty degrees east twenty-seven poles, north six degrees east ninety-four poles, north seventy-nine degrees east twenty-four poles, south eighteen degrees east forty poles, north eighty-five degrees east forty-seven poles, north seventy . . . . degrees east thirty-two poles, north five degrees east twenty poles crossing a branch at ten poles, north sixty poles, north sixty-four degrees east sixteen poles, north eighty-two degrees east one hundred poles, north forty-one degrees east twenty-eight poles, north . . . . degrees east twenty-eight poles to two white oaks, and poplar, thence south sixty-one degrees east three hundred and sixty-three poles to a poplar and sugar tree near a drain, thence south twenty-nine degrees west three hundred and seventy poles crossing a large branch to two Hickories and sugar tree in the line of Biddle's survey, thence with said line north sixty-five degrees west three hundred and sixty three poles to the beginning." Dated March 2, 1797 and of the Independence of the United States the twenty-first. Recorded in the Office of the Department of State in Vol. 1, page 162 of lands granted to the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment. Endorsed upon it is the following: "JOHN BLAIR was originally entitled to the bounty land within mentioned as granted to the within named ARCHIBALD BLAIR who claims under the said JOHN BLAIR."

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

Continued from page Fifty, Vol. 1, No. 4.

The following persons have been elected to full membership since the publication of the last list:

62. ROBERT DONNELL BLAIR, 615 W. 8th St., Coffeyville, Kas. ..... Life
63. JOHN HALSEY BLAIR, 10 E. Schiller St., Chicago, Ill. ..... Active
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66. LEOLA SELMAN BEESON, 202 Columbia St., Milledgeville, Ga. ..... Life
67. EUGENE EARNEST McLIN, Consolidated Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. ..... Life
68. WILLIAM HILL BLAIR, 25 W. Milwaukee St., Janesville, Wisc. ..... Active

## WM. DE BLAIR

"Kings and bears aft worry their keepers."—Old Scotch Proverb.

"Wm. de BLAIR, mentioned in 1205 in a contract in the Burgh of Irvine, Scotland. His son of the same name is on record in 1260. Some uncertainty about him; but he had two sons—SIR BRYCE BLAIR and DAVID BLAIR. Sir BRYCE was slain by the English. He left no issue. His brother DAVID had a son ROGER who died in the reign of DAVID II, and he was succeeded in the barony by his son HUGH. In turn he was succeeded by his son JAMES in the time of King David Bruce; and he lived in Ayr in 1368. He had two sons, JAMES and SIR JOHN. They founded the family of BLAIRS of Adamton, Ayrshire. This family flourished until the time of Catherine (a lapse between), who married, in 1776, Sir William Maxwell. She sold Adamton estate and died in 1798.

"Another line was JAMES BLAIR (1375) of Corshogyll. His son was DAVID, a baron. There is conflict here, some evidence that his name was Sir HUGH (about 1405). His son JAMES, succeeded him, and he by his nephew JOHN BLAIR. There are numerous descendants including EGIDIA, ELIZABETH, JOHN and PATRICK.

"JOHN founded a family and there followed JOHN, jr., WILLIAM, ROBERT. They became badly involved legally and scattered widely. There follows a long history of this family, too long to outline here.

"BRYCE BLAIR, before-mentioned, had seven children, all well married. He died Feb. 4, 1639, leaving a host of descendants traced down to 1857.

"THE BLAIRS OF BALTHYOCK.

"Founded by ALEXANDER de BLAIR in the reigns of Wm. the Lion and Alexander the Second. Many descendants but imperfect records; however, considerable is known of this family. I have printed data about them. My people are of this Clan. THOMAS and ANDREW seemed to be the most notorious in those stormy times—1562 and on; and the record runs to 1811.

"JOHN BLAIR, Chaplain of Sir Wm. Wallace, was a writer and became a Benedictine monk. He was the first preacher I find in our record. ROBERT BLAIR, born 1593, was a minister of the Church of Scotland. His oldest son, ROBERT, was also a preacher and a scientist. His great grandson was a minister in Edinburgh—born Apr. 7, 1718; he became Professor of Belles Lettres in the University of Edinburgh. He lived to be over eighty, married Catherine Bannatine and had two children. My people are among his descendants and I have his picture, now yellow with age—apparently a steel print.

"Judge ROBERT BLAIR, great-grandson of the ROBERT born in 1593, became quite distinguished. Of this stock was JAMES BLAIR, the first to come to America. He projected the University of Williamsburg in Virginia about 1693. He died in 1743. The school changed name to the College of William and Mary.

"My Own Line.

"DAVID BLAIR (1763-1852), County Derry, Ireland, of HUGH BLAIR'S family. This was a sea-faring family and several came to America. His father was Scotch and we know little about him except that he was Master of a ship, The Port of Glasgow," making trips to Philadelphia in 1730 and later. Five of the family were mariners and masters of vessels—DAVID, WILLIAM, JAMES, THOMAS, and FRANCIS, living in New England (New Britain) and Philadelphia. Their records are a bit mixed as to children. Some of the children settled in the Cumberland Valley (Pa.) and had trouble with the Indians—WM. BLAIR being killed in 1757 at West Conococheauge. His son WILLIAM moved to Philadelphia and founded my branch of the BLAIR family. He married Mary Cowen soon after his father was killed; and the children were WILLIAM, born 1760; MARK (lost at sea); JANE, REBECCA, ISAIAH (who became a physician), ELIZABETH, MARY, SUSANNAH.

"Our WM. BLAIR II. married Sarah Holmes, and they had WILLIAM III., ANDREW, HENRY, JANE, HENRY, son of ANDREW, WILLIAM, moved to Carlisle, Pa.; Seven generations of BLAIRS are buried there. Dr. ISAIAH mentioned above went to Washington, Pa., and left descendants.

"These various Pennsylvania BLAIRS left numerous descendants—so many I have not kept track of them.

"One family went south, but in the war between the states they were lost to us except we know certain ones are related in some manner; but all records of the Southern branch, so far as accuracy goes, are lost. I have old printed data, but not of the American BLAIRS, who "infest" the whole United States, the only ones in California, however, being, Yours Sincerely, THOMAS S. BLAIR, age 60, and my good wife Mary Wiley BLAIR. (618 S. Broadway, Santa Ana Cal., Dec. 16, 1926).

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"Take the World," cried the God from His Heaven
To men;—"I proclaim you its heirs;
To divide it amongst you 'tis given:
You have only to settle the shares."—Von Schiller.

## OUR SCOTTISH BLAIR HERALDRY

Fred Stone, the beloved comedian of the stage, once said: "It is easy enough to reach the top, but to stay there, that's the real battle."

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"Heraldry owes its origin to a distinguishing badge or mark by which a nation, tribe, or individual might be known. The lion of the tribe of Judah, the ensigns of the Roman cohorts, the particular tartans and badges of the Scottish clans, the white plume of Henry of Navarre—all express the idea in different ways. But in early times the particular ensigns were not hereditary, and so did not form Heraldry as the term is understood.

"The third crusade occurred in 1189, and the sovereigns, nobles, and knights of France, Germany, and England took part in it. This crusade had a great influence on the adoption of heraldic insignia, not only because three nations took part in it, but also because about this period the cylindrical helmet was adopted, which covered the whole of the face. A man could no longer be recognized, and so a sign, or mark, by which he might be known was painted on his shield. The sign, mark, or "Arms" was also sewn on the surcoat which was worn over the armour to protect it from the weather, hence the term "Coat of Arms." Many of these signs, or marks. were based on those worn or carried by ancestors of the men of the twelfth century, but the majority were new. Many were of a punning nature, as the **fraises** or strawberry flowers in the Arms of Fraser; the **bend** in the Arms of Bentley; the **Cornish choughs** and **tear drops** in the Arms of Cornwallis, the tear drops representing "wails;" the **hirondelles** or swallows in the Arms of Arundel; and the **anchor** in the Arms of Fairholm.

"Heraldry reached Scotland at an early date, as is shown by seals attached to documents connected with that country. Balliol had Arms 1190, the Earl of Dunbar 1182-1232, Stewart 1177-1204, Bruce 1215-45, Cumyn 1214-33, Glencarnie 1200, Wallace 1220, Galloway 1230, Graham 1230, Wemyss 1230, Hay 1240, Landale 1224, Earl of Strathearn 1223, Earl of Angus 1245-1307, MacNauchton 1250, Lord of Lorn 1292, Beaton 1286, Earl of Fife 1266 Haig 1260, Gourlay 1286, Kilconquhar 1266, MacDonald 1292, Ross 1280, Straiton 1285, and in 1296, when King Edward I summoned the Scottish barons to take the oath of fealty, the following bore Arms: Abernethy, Baird, Barclay, Bisset, Boncle, Boyes, Brechin, Earl of Caithness, Cameron, Campbell, Chalmers, Charteris, Chein, Chisolm, Cockburn, Colville, Crawford, Dalmahoy, Dennistoun, Douglas, Elphinstone, Fleming, Fotheringham, Fraser, Frendraught, Galbraith, Gardyn, Glenesk, Halden, Haliburton, Harper, Haswell, Heron, Houston, Innes, Johnston, Kellor, Kennedy, Kinghorn, Kinnaird, Kinross, Kirkpatrick, Earl of Lennox, Lindsay, Marshall, Maxwell, Meldrum, Melville, Karl of Monteith, Mowat, Murray, Ormiston, Preston, Rait, Ramsay, Randolph, Riddell, Scott, Seton, Sinclair, Skene, Stirling, Strachan, Torthorald, Weir.

Today armorial bearings are only shown upon a shield. .... In Norman times the body was protected by a hauberk or coat of linen or leather, on which were sewn scales, rings, or pieces of steel.....A lady's Arms were first shown on a vesica-shaped seal, and now are shown on a lozenge-shaped shield.

"For convenience of reference the shield is divided into eleven parts which are called as follows:

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| A—FESS POINT. | D—DEXTER CHIEF. | G—SINISTER FLANK. |
| B—MIDDLE CHIEF. | E—SINISTER CHIEF. | H—DEXTER BASE. |
| C—MIDDLE BASE. | F—DEXTER FLANK. | I—SINISTER BASE. |

K—HONOUR POINT L—NOMBRIL POINT.

"Dexter" means the right-hand side and "Sinister" means the left-hand side. But it must be borne in mind that these sides are described by the owner of the shield, who is naturally behind it, so right and left are reversed by anyone looking at the front or coloured side of the shield.

"The TINCTURES are shown either in metal and colour, or if the drawing of armorial bearings is in ink, pencil, or one color, the different tinctures can be indicated by dots, lines, or combinations of lines.....Gold, called **Or** represented

by dots; and Silver, called **Argent** when the shield is left white. The colours are: Red, called **Gules**....Blue, called **Azure**....Black or grey-black, called **Sable**.... Green, called **Vert**....Purple, called **Purpure**....Orange called **Tenny**....Blood colour, called **Sangine** or **Murrey**....As a rule, if the **ground** or **field** of a shield is in metal, the charges on it are in colour, and **vice versa.**

The BEND runs diagonally across the shield from the dexter top of the shield to the opposite base . It is the same width as the FESS....The FESS or center third of the shield from side to side....The SALTIRE is compounded of the **Bend** and **Bend sinister**.... The BEND SINISTER crosses the shield diagonally, and the reverse way to the **Bend**....The PALE, or center third of the shield running from top to bottom....The CROSS is compounded of the **Pale** and the **Fess**....The ORDINARIES are bands of a different colour to the field of the shield, and are said to be derived from bars put across the shield to strengthen it. As a rule only one "Ordinary" appears on a shield, but sometimes there are two, as the **chief** and **saltire** in the Arms of Bruce. (They are) 1. The CHIEF, the upper third of a shield;.... 2. The PALE, or center third running up and down:....3. The FESS, or center third from side to side....4. The BEND runs diagonally across the shield from dexter top to the opposite base....5. The BEND SINISTER crosses the shield diagonally, and the reverse way to the **Bend**....6. The CHEVRON rises from both sides of the base of the shield, meeting in the center of the upper portion....7. The SALTIRE is componded of the **Bend** and **Bend sinister**....The CROSS is compounded of the **Pale** and the **Fess**....9. The PILE is a triangular wedge-shaped figure issuing, as a rule, from the top of the shield, the point being downwards....10. The PALL is like a broad letter "Y," but when the three ends are pointed and do not touch edges of the shield, it becomes a **Shake-fork**....If the **Ordinaries** have charges on them they are made a little broader than when uncharged....THE LOZENGE is a four-sided figure, of which the angles at top and bottom are acute, those at the sides being obtuse. The FUSIL is an elongated **lozenge**....The Mascle is a lozenge **voided** or without the center, so that only a border, shaped like a lozenge, is left....The RUSTRE is a lozenge with a round hole in the middle....(Of the animal CHARGES we have) The Deer tribe. The horns are called **Attires;** each branch of a horn is called a **Tyne.** When the hoofs are of a different colour, the Deer or other cloven-footed animal is said to be **Unguled.** When walking from right to left of the shield, it is said to be **Trippant.** If standing side view, but with full face, it is said to be **At gaze.** If running, it is **Courant.** If reposing, it is **Lodged** or **Couchant.**

The MOON is usually shown as a Crescent with horns upwards; when the horns are turned towards the dexter side of the shield, it is said to be a Crescent-increscent; and when turned to the sinister side, Crescent-decrescent.

As no two individuals should have exactly the same armorial bearings, it became necessary from an early date to make additions or alterations in the Arms of sons to distinguish them from their father and also from each other, and yet at the same time to preserve the main features of the paternal Coat. This has been done in many ways.....At the present time in England and Ireland it is the practice to add the following marks of CADENCY to the paternal Coat, on the **honour point:**

The eldest son adds a **Label;** the second son adds a **Crescent;** the third son adds a **Mullet;** the fourth son adds a **Martlet;** the fifth son adds an **Annulet;** the sixth son adds a **Fleur-de-lis;** the seventh son adds a **Rose;** the eighth son adds a **Cross Moline;** the ninth son adds a **Double Quatrefoil.**

The mode in Scotland today is to add **Bordures** to the paternal Coat. Of the first generation the second son adds a plain bordure coloured the same as the principal charge on the shield, and his younger brothers have also plain bordures of different colours. The younger sons of these younger sons can "difference" by changing the plain boundary line of the bordure to an engrailed, invected, etc., one. Still more remote descendants of the younger sons can add charges to their bordures. The eldest son succeeds in time to the paternal Coat, but his younger sons can change the border line of the principal charge, and after that add bordures as above stated.

The MARSHALLING OF ARMS is the arrangement of several Coats of Arms or Quarterings on one shield....Suppose a Mr. Menzies, who bears **Silver, a red chief,** marries a Miss Stafford, whose father bears **Gold, a red chevron.** If Miss Stafford has a brother or brothers, she is not the heiress of her family in the heraldic sense,

and after marriage Mr. Menzies would **impale** his wife's Arms with his own. This means that he would divide his shield into two halves—in the dexter half he would put the Menzies' Arms, and in the sinister half those of Stafford. But. as Miss Stafford was not the heiress of her family, her Arms must be removed from the shield on her death, as her children have no right to **quarter** them. If on the other hand Miss Stafford was an only child, she would be the heiress of her family in the heraldic sense, and Mr. Menzies would not impale her Arms with his own, but he would place her Arms on a small shield in the center of his own. On Mr. Menzie's death his eldest son would **quarter** his two parents' Arms, that is, he would divide his shield into four quarters. In the first and fourth quarters he would put the Arms of Menzies, and in the second and third quarters those of Stafford.

HELMETS are now placed above the Arms of kings, nobles, knights, and gentlemen; and the different forms, colours, and positions denote the rank. The Helmet rests on the top of the shield; that of the King and Royal Princes is of gold, it is **affronty,** or viewed from the front; and the face is protected by six bars; that of Nobles is shown **in profile,** and is of silver with four gold bars; that of Baronets and Knights is shown **affronty,** the vizor up, and is of steel; the Helmet of Esquires and Gentlemen is **in profile,** closed, and of steel....**The Helmet** rests on the top of the **Shield,** then the **Mantling** flows from the top of the **Helmet,** the **Wreath** rests on the **Mantling,** and the **Crest** rests on the **Wreath**....The Crest of BLAIR is a STAG LODGED PROPER....The Motto of BLAIR is VIRTUTE TUTUS.—From Scottish Heraldry Made Easy, G. Harvey Johnston, Edinburgh and London, 1912.

From the brief extracts above, it will be observed that the Coat of Arms of the BLAIR family, in common with all other honorable families, differed from generation to generation. It is to be observed too, that the Arms of the cadets of the families established further differences which in time came to be very marked. Therefore the various lines of BLAIRS, although perhaps springing from one stem. came to employ very different Arms from the Arms of their allied kin. Thus we account for the many variants of the Coat of Arms of the BLAIR family. Our Society was therefore confronted with the problem of establishing its own official and authorized Coat of Arms, desiring at the same time to employ as much of the elements of the various ancestral lines as possible. We know we have succeeded in this ambition only in part; but we feel that we have at least accomplished something in settling upon an emblem, the form of which is certainly derived from authentic BLAIR sources, and at the same time having adopted an official design by which we may be hereafter known wherever the literature of our Society may penetrate. It is something to have this accomplished.

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And now, lest our Members fear that we have been indifferent about the selection of our Coat-of-Arms, may we remind them that this matter has been under discussion for an even longer period than the life of our Society. We have been confronted with a rather wide range to make our choice from, as will appear from the following well authenticated blazons of various lines of the Scotch BLAIR family: CRESTS: From "Fairbank's Crests;"

BLAIR, Wm. Fordyce, Esq., of BLAIR, Ayr, "A Stag lodged ppr. "Motto, Amo Probos.

BLAIR, Neil-James-Ferguson, Esq., of Balthayock, Perth, "A Dove, wings expanded, ppr."; Motto, Virtute tutus.

BLAIR, Sir David Hunter, of Dunskey, Wigtonshire, Bart., "A Stag's Head Cabossed, ppr."; Motto, Vigilantia, robur, voluptas.

BLAIR, of Aberdeen; Motto, Non crux, sed lux.

BLAIR, Sco., "A Garb, ppr."; Motto, Virtute tutus.

BLAIR, of Balmill, Sco., "A Roman Head, Armed, ppr."; Motto, Facils qualis mens tales.

BLAIR, Sco., "A Crescent, ar.,"; Motto, God be my Guide.

BLAIR, Sco., "An Eagle, Rising, ppr."; Motto, Virtute Tutus.

BLAIR, of Lethendy, Sco., "A Garb, ppr."; Motto, Nec temere, nec timide.

BLAIR, Iri., "A Stag Lodged ppr."; Motto,

BLAIR, "A Boar's Head, couped."

BLAIR, of Borgue, Sco., "A dove, wings expanded, ppr."; Motto, Virtute et honore.

BLAIR, of Dunskey, "A Boar's Head, couped, ppr."; Motto, Virtute et honore.

The blazon of the BLAIRS of Balthyock, 1639, given by Balfour is

BLAIR, of Balthyock: "Or, a chevron between three torteaux." And adds that it should be—"Sable, a Fess (?) argent between three plates." Surmounting it is a bearded face with a flaming crimson hat similar to the "tin hats" of the World War and the shield aslant beneath the head.

BLAIR, of Adamtoune, "Argent, on a Saltire engrailed sable."

BLAIR, of Adamton, "Argent, on a Saltire engrailed sable 9 Mascles of the first."

BLAIR, of Adamton, "Saltire sable charged with nine mascles; in base a bird's head."

BLAIR, Sir Alexander of Balthayock registered Arms, 1672-78: "Argent, a chevron sable between three torteaux."

Considering that every "charge upon the heraldic shield, and every crest and motto, the quarterings and bordures, each, and all together, have deep significance as memorials to the family history, we have been moved to place upon our official insignia (or blazon) nearly all of the marks we could discover; by so doing we have hoped to represent most of the lines, most of the junior as well as senior families; but it is impracticable, from the point of even heraldry, to put much more upon our Coat-of-Arms than we have. And now, what do our members think of it, anyway?

The Official Insignia, our "Coat-of-Arms," or Clan token, will show the following "Blazon:"

> "BLAIR, Argent on a saltire between a mullet in chief and two crescents in flanques, a garb in base sable nine mascles of the first, a helmet closed surmounting the shield, with mantling. Crest, a Stag couchant argent. Motto, Amo Probos."

We expect, by the time this number reaches the members, that all details will have been completed for supplying our members with official, Clan BLAIR stationery, of a quality and beauty to gratify the most fastidious. Requests will be promptly met. A circular showing styles, and prices, of this stationery will be enclosed with the Magazines, or will shortly thereafter be mailed to our members.—Collected by J. E. Reed.

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS, as an evidence of Scotch descent, and specifically as the feature of the BLAIR BLAZON, has an interest quite out of the ordinary. The story of its adoption by the Scots is told in that wonderful old book of "Royal Genealogies," by Rev. Anderson, published in London MDCCXXXVI. The Genealogies, in many instances, are livened by bits of history, and an added charm is found in the quaint—though sometimes distracting—use of the "f" for "s." In "Table D" is found the following:

"UNNUST, or Hungus, King of the Picts, had an only daughter, Fergusia, who married Achaius (Eochoidh-Anguiblu or Eochal-Annuene). Achaius aided Hungus with 10,000 men under his son, Alpen, against Athelftan, a Ruler of Northumberland, which he wasted; but when Athelftan purfu'd them, Hungus pray'd to St. Andrew, who, with his Crofs appear'd & promif'd the Victory; fo Athelftan was routed & flain. & the Place call'd Athelftan's Foord to this day; fo ever fince the Scots have carried St. Andrew's Crofs in their Banner.

"Archaius died 819, Reigned 32 years; married Fergufia, only daughter of Unnust, or Hungus, King of the Picts, and had a son, Alpin."—Mrs. E. B. Wall.

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## OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS IN THE SERVICE OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSVLANIA, 1744-1765

(SELECTED NAMES OF BLAIR KIN)

"The hard condition of the historian is that if he speaks the truth he provokes the anger of men; but if he commits falsehoods to writing he will be unacceptable to God, who will distinguish in His judgments between truth and adulation."—The Venerable Bede.

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"O brave and sturdy Pioneer,
The winged years that winnow praise and blame
Blow many names out; but they fan to flame
The self-renewing splendors of thy fame."—Anon.

## FAREWELL TO ERIN

**By Samuel Blair, "A Hearts o' Steel Man."**

Contributed by Mrs. E. B. Wall.

These lines are said to have been written by SAMUEL BLAIR, of Ballyvallough, a Leader in the Hearts o' Steel Rebellion in Ireland, 1770. He was captured and condemned to death, but escaped through the cleverness of his twin sister, MARY (BLAIR) Stewart. The Hearts o' Steel Rebellion, it may be said, was an uprising of the Irish tenantry to protest against the unjust taxation imposed upon them in the time of George III, and its spirit was largely the inspiration of the American Revolution, a few years later. These patriots were unsuccessful; many were put to death; and some—as shown herein—escaped to the New World. Many of them too served, Scotch-Irish Patriots, in the land of their adoption.

The story of the escape of SAMUEL BLAIR is one of the most charming of all those we have found. SAMUEL and MARY, as we have said, were twins. MARY had just borne her first child when the news was brought to her of the capture and condemnation of her brother. She rose from her bed, dressed, and mounted her horse, riding for her farewell visit with this best-loved brother. She was permitted but a short visit with him, but when she left the prison she was weeping so heartbrokenly that it was with difficulty she could mount her horse and ride away.

The execution was set for some two or three days later. When the victim was led onto the scaffold, and before the noose could be adjusted, he stepped forward and threw open his coat, and, says the fascinating old record, "there were fair white breasts dripping with suck." One soldier, whose quick perception must always thrill us, cried instantly aloud: "We've been fooled! We've been fooled! It's a woman!"

The brief visit of farewell had, of course, been spent in the exchange of clothing, and SAMUEL had ridden away—with full speed, as we may imagine, when once out of sight of the prison—and taken passage in a vessel happily ready to sail to the New World. Mary, runs the tale, was taken before the King, and there she told her story. The monarch "bowed his head and the tears ran heavy over his cheeks as he bade her go her way, back to her babe. And, said he as he watched her going, 'Would to God that some one loved me so'!"

Samuel, of necessity, left without farewells—other than to Mary. No chance was there even for a farewell to the Sweetheart who, we feel, should have joined him later. He arrived in Philadelphia; later settled in Central Pennsylvania on the shores of Susquehanna. About 1798 he removed to Crawford County, Pennsylvania (in the north-western part of the state), where he died, it is said, in 1820. He married a young widow, Mrs. Ann Young, and left a number of children. His grave is believed to be in Mt. BLAIR Cemetery, near Meadville, Pennsylvania. His nephew, PATRICK BLAIR, who came over about 1832, is buried beside him. The following is his

### FAREWELL TO ERIN

"While I live I'll ne'er forget
The sorrow of that day
When, bound unto a foreign land,
Our good ship sailed away.

So I left my friends in Belfast town,
My love on Carrick shore;
And I gave to our dear Old Ireland
My blessings o'er and o'er.

Right well I knew when I set sail
What my hard fate would be;
When gazing on my native hills
They seemed to fly from me.

I watched them as they wore away,
Until my eyes grew sore;
Well knowing I was doomed to tread
On shamrock soil no more.

They tell me I'm for Freedom's Land,
Where all my Masters be*;
But were I in my winding sheet,
There's none to succor me.

For I must eat the stranger's bread
And bear the stranger's scorn.
That haunts me with a deal o' care
Sweet Isle, where I was born!

And where is now the tender heart
I once could call my own?
Who gave to me a long farewell
The day I left my home!

Not all the gold that I could earn
Beyond yon Western Main,
The pleasures of my own dear girl
Could bring to me again!

* This line is supposed to refer to kindred that had preceded him, but were personally, strangers to him. Many BLAIRS of the Ballyvallough line had come, a generation earlier. He had presumably, uncles and aunts in Virginia and relatives of some degree in Pennsylvania.

Just before the World War, a descendant, it was believed, of MARY (BLAIR) Stewart, had been located in County Armagh—Miss Rosanna Stewart. She sent a tracing of a Coat-of-Arms on a BLAIR gravestone—the Saltire with nine Mascles —in Raloo Churchyard. One letter came during the war—and then all trace was lost. In this she told of one brother killed in battle; one a prisoner in Saxony; another sent home unfit for further service, his mind gone, and requiring the care given a baby. And, stated the letter, with no hint of complaining, the last and youngest brother was "training, so as to be ready for service as soon as he was old enough to go." Then silence engulfed Rosanna—descendant of Mary, twin of Samuel.—E. B. W.

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## BLAIRIANA. MISCELLANEOUS DATA

"Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, promote all its great interests, to see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something to be remembered."—Daniel Webster.

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MEDALLISTS. Penna. Archives, 6th Series, Vol. ix. 271.

"Samuel D. Ingham, Secy. of the Commonwealth of Penna., Sir: My brother, WILLIAM BLAIR, served as a Volunteer aboard the Niagara, in Commodore Perry's Fleet. He marched out in the Militia from Milesburg in Centre County, where he then resided, in Captain Record's Company. He was aboard the said vessel on the tenth day of September, 1813, when the British Fleet was defeated and captured. He was honorably discharged and received his prize ticket, for which he drew his prize money. He is now removed to the State of Ohio, and left a power of attorney for me to manage all his business for him. If you, Sir, will deliver his medal to Colonel William Smyth to be sent to me, I will take special care of it until I can find a safe opportunity to send it to my brother. Colonel Smyth will, I expect, satisfy you that you will be safe in intrusting it to me. I am Sir yours most respectfully, DAVID BLAIR." Novr. 27th, 1819.

"I am well acquainted with DAVID BLAIR. I know him to be a very honest man. I also know that he is a brother of WILLIAM BLAIR, and I am as certain that WILLIAM BLAIR was a Volunteer aboard Perry's Fleet on the 10th Septr. 1813, as I can be of anything which I did not see. DAVID BLAIR has a power of attorney from his brother, WILLIAM BLAIR, to settle his business in this country generally. The Medal is not mentioned in it, as I expect he did not think of it when he removed from this country to Ohio. Sworn by William Pebapas." —Ibid p. 272.

WILLIAM BLAIR'S Medal delivered to Col. Wm. S. ..... Member of the Legislature for Centre County, Receipt Book of the date 14 Decb. 1819.—Ibid p. 272.

"A return of 1st & 2d Classes, Capt. Robert Sweeney's Company, 5th Batt. Washington Co. (Pa.) Militia ordered rondevous 19t day March, 1782. 1st class, DAVID BLAIR."

BLAIR, DANIEL, (D.W.406); BLAIR, JAMES, (H.S.,7,195); BLAIR, JOHN. (Aug.Rec.,1,215; H.S.,7,195.); BLAIR, WILLIAM, (H.S.,7,185,187.);—"List of Colonial Soldiers of Virginia," p. 21. Note: "D.W." signifies a reference to R. G. Thwaite's Dunmore's War. Madison, Wis., 1905. "H.S." signifies Hening's Statutes at Large. "Aug.Rec." signifies Abstracts from the Records of Augusta Co., Va. by Lyman Chalkley, 3 vols. Rosslyn, Va., 1912.—Ed.

Drs. JOHN and SAMUEL BLAIR mentioned as amongst the ministers serving the Presbyterian Churches of Opecquon and Cedar Creek, in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia during the religious schism of Old and New Side controversy.—Planting Presb. in the Northern Neck of Va., 1904. By Jas. R. Graham, D. D., p. 23.

Rev. John BLAIR Smith, President of Hampden Sidney College in 1788.—Ibid. p. 37. Also mentioned as buried by the Third Presbyterian Church, of Phila.—Ibid, p. 69.

Rev. John BLAIR Hoge, son of Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., noted as buried in burial ground of Third Presb. Church, Phila., Pa., having died Jul. 5, 1820.—Ibid, p. 69.

BLAIR, a private in Co. No. 7, in Col. Daniel Morgan's Winchester, Va., Reg't. Capt. Peter Bryn Bruin, June 1, 1777.—"Shenandoah Valley," by Cartmell, 1909. p. 99.

CAPTAIN JOHN BLAIR, in an Artillery Co., from the Shenandoah Valley, Va., who suffered at Valley Forge.—Ibid., p. 105.

GALBRAITH, James, 5; (John, 4; Andrew, 3; James, 2; John, 1) born about 1741; died prior to 1790; soldier of Penna. Line in Rev.; in 1783 resided in Washington Boro, near Carlisle;" married Martha McClellan, daughter of John McClellan, of Donegal; Issue: JOHN, REBECCA, m. David Herron.

Note: John McClellan had sons—William, George d. a prisoner of war in N. Y.; Col. James d. at Mercersburg; and Dr. John d. at Greencastle. His daughters were Martha, m. James Galbraith; and others who married respectively John Holliday, CAP.T JOHN BLAIR, of Blair Co., Samuel Culbertson, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Ramsay, of Franklin Co., Pa.—Egle's Pa. Genealogies, p. 235.

BLAIR, MARTHA was a daughter of Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR, D. D., and her husband was Dr. Samuel Edmeston, who was a son of David and grandson of David and Margaret Edmeston, who came to Maryland in 1647. Mrs. Edmeston was a grand-daughter of Lawrence Van Hook, a judge under Dutch Rule in N. Y.—Ibid, p. 275.

LINN, William jr., 2 (Wm., 1) b. in 1722 Ireland, an officer in Middle Spring Church, at Braddock's defeat, m. 1st Susannah Trimble—Issue William b. Feb. 27, 1752, m. 1st REBECCA BLAIR issue John m. Ann Fleming.—Ibid, p. 318.

Just now we receive the announcement of the BLAIR-MOFFITT Reunion held in Roeding Park, Fresno, California, on May 29, 1927. There were one hundred and eighty-five members of the two families present, and a general good time was had by all. The officers elected were: Mrs. Ella Jones Catlin of Kingsburg, was elected President; Jim Blair of Woodlake, V. P.; Miss Sarah Goodin of Fresno, Secretary. Cutler Park, east of Visalia, Cal., on the Woodlake highway, and Sunday, May 28, 1928, are the place and time for the next meeting. Mrs. Eva Pogue Kirkman read two old wills of the original BLAIRS, one of which was that of JOHN BLAIR, Planter, of Guilford County, N. C., a copy of which we acknowledge receipt of.

History of Rockbridge Co., Va., (Morton, 1925)

474, Misc. Data:

1813, BETSY BLAIR m Joseph Ford.

1814, BESSY BLAIR m James Paxton.

1786, JAMES BLAIR m Elizabeth Wilson.

1812, JANE BLAIR m Andrew Wallace.
MARY BLAIR, b 1726, m John Paxton. (not dated)

1812, JOSEPH BLAIR m Elizabeth Paxton.

1748, MARY BLAIR in John Houston's household.

p. 365, Tithables, 1778, DANIEL and JAMES BLAIR.

LINN, William, 3 (Wm.,2; Wm., 1) b. Feb. 27, 1752, Chaplain 5 & 6 Pa. Batt., m. 1st REBECCA BLAIR, daughter of Rev. JOHN BLAIR the V. P. of the College of N. J., at Princeton. ISSUE: 1. Elizabeth b. 1775 m. Chas. Brockden Brown.

2. John b. Mar. 14, 1777, Reverend 1798, m. 1799 Esther Bailey daughter of Col. John Bailey, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., issue JOHN BLAIR LINN; his widow m. John R. Bleeker, of Albany and their daughter Mary m. Hon. Horatio Seymour of Utica, N. Y.

3. Susan, b. Oct. 30, 1778, d. May 5. 1824, in Ithaca, N. Y.; m. Oct. 19, 1810 Simeon DeWitt; issue—Susan Linn, Mary Linn.

4. Rebecca d. 1825 m. Feb. 5, 1803, Wm. Keese, Esq. Attorney, N. Y., b. Dec. 7, 1780 d. Mch. 19, 1819.

5. Mary d. unm., Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1890.

6. William b. Aug. 30, 1790, m. Mary A. Biers.

7. Sarah Livingston, b. May 23, 1793, d. Aug. 24, 1840 in Bethlehem, Pa., m. May 7, 1817, Jno. W. Peters of Phila., Pa. Issue 3.

8. James Henry b. Feb. 15, 1798, Atty. Albany, N. Y. d. 1837 unm.

9. Archibald L. b. Oct. 5, 1802, m. Mary Ten Eyck McClelland.

BLAIR, Rev. JOHN, had a classical school in Chester Co., Pa. when the French and Indian War broke out.—Ibid, p. 356.

BLAIR, Rev. WILLIAM H., a Presbyterian clergyman, m. Hannah G. McCormick on Jan. 29, 1867, she was a daughter of Wm. McCormick, 5 (John, 4; Thomas, 3; Thomas, 2; James, 1).

BLAIR, EDWARD, a son of WILLIAM BLAIR of Chicago, Ill., m. Anna Reubenia McCormick May 29, 1882. Issue EDITH, b. May 5, 1883; Wm. McCormick BLAIR b. May 2, 1884.

BLAIR, EMMA J., a daughter of LYMAN BLAIR of Chicago, Ill., m. Sept. 26, 1878 Cyrus Hall McCormick. Issue: Cyrus Hall McCormick b. July 30, 1881 in Chicago.—Ibid, p. 420.

BLAIR-MOFFETT families held a large reunion June 13, 1926, in the Mooney Grove, Lemon Cove, Tulare Co., Cal., at which 225 members of those families attended. It is reported that the BLAIR-Moffett family is one of the largest in that state. The meeting was opened with a prayer, and elected JAMES H. BLAIR, only surviving son of Grandfather Rev. Jonathan BLAIR, of Woodlake, president, Miss Zellia Pendergrass, of Clovis, only living daughter of the original JONATHAN BLAIR, for V. P.; Miss Sarah Goodin, of Fresno, Secretary. Miss Goodin is a school teacher, and the originator of this organization.

BLAIR FAMILY of Erie Co., Pa., held its annual reunion in August at Girard, Pa. Owing to conflicting reunion dates of allied families a small attendance assembled.

Blount Co., Tenn., Marriage Bonds, found in a vault of the Court House, Maryville, Tenn.

1802, Dec. 7, Ray Jessey to MARGARET BLAIR (WILLIAM BLAIR).

1800, March 12, James Rogers to ANNA BLAIR. (Isaiah Brown)

1798, March 31, Howard Richardson to SARAH REED. (JAMES BLAIR)

QUERE: Were the parenthetical names those of parent or minister?

Several variations of the "BLAIR ARMS exist. One is in Nisbet's System of Heraldry (BLAIR of that Ilk), and more than one in Robertson's History of the Ayrshire Families, a five volume book which costs about 25 pounds.—Wm. Brown, Bookseller, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Shortstop BLAIR of the Little Rock Club has been claimed on waivers by the Birmingham (Ala.) Baseball Association. In 41 games with the Travelers last season BLAIR hit .284, getting 11 doubles, two triples, and two home runs. He fielded .896, handling 124 chances.—May 11, 1927, Birmingham papers.

Culled from Official Bulletins of the Sons of the American Revolution:

CHARLES E. BLAIR, Buffalo, N. Y., (42171). Son of NOEL B., and Ellen M. (McIntyre) BLAIR; grandson of CHARLES and Amira (Beach) BLAIR; great-grandson of ELIAS and Sybil (.....) BLAIR; great-great grandson of ROBERT BLAIR, private and Lieutenant, Vermont Militia.—Vol. xx. No. 4, p. 470.

CAPT. WILLIAM BLAIR'S Co., First Battalion, Frederick Co. Md., Militia.—Ibid, p. 477.

MARSHALL BLAIR PREVOST, Greenville, S. C., (41516). Son of JOHN BLAIR and Mary (Orr) Prevost; grandson of James Lawrence and Mary Jane (Marshall) Orr; great-grandson of Christopher and Martha (.....) Orr; great-great grandson of Jehu and Jane (Boucher) Orr; great-great-great grandson of Robert Orr, Captain, Pa. Militia, prisoner in 1782.—Ibid, p. 258 Vol. xx. No. 2.

PAUL DAYTON RANGE, Wash. (39726), great grandson of JOHN and Sarah (BLAIR) McKay.—Ibid, Vol. xx. No. 1, p. 152.

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## QUERIES AND REPLIES

"There's naething got by delay, but dirt and lang nails."—Old Scotch proverb.

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31.—Information wanted about THOMAS S. BLAIR, who married Jane Carson. —A. B. A.

32.—Who was CHARLES BLAIR, of Collinsville, Connecticut, who made, or furnished, or made and furnished, pikes for the noted John Brown Raid? —J. H. B. H.

The American (of the U. S.) is not an individual, he is a nationalist—he is not a "me-ist," but an "our-ist." Here is, as I see it, the rock-bottom of our government. Here is a query:

33.—What does government mean, anyway? Do as you, or as a few yous, please? Or as the majority of the best among us choose? —J. H. B. H.

34.—What were the names of REV. JOHN BLAIR'S twelve children? JOHN, SAMUEL and JAMES were three of the number. —Mrs. C. B. B.

35.—Who is Miss GLADYS BLAIR, of Utah, the "Rodeo Rider?"—J. H. B. H.

36.—Wanted, the earlier ancestry of MARIAM REBECCA BLAIR, dau. of WILLIAM ROBERTSON BLAIR and Mariam Beasley, who are the parents of Dr. B. F. Shuttleworth, (Active Member No. 58). —Dr. B. F. S.

37.—We want the name of the wife of JOHN BLAIR, with dates of his birth, marriage and death; also his Revolutionary War Service. His father was ROBERT BLAIR, b. Nov. 28, 1779 in Va.?, m. Dec. 6, 1806 Jane Griffin who d. Jul. 10, 1815 "Of Va.," and he d. in Ky. 1810. —Mrs. W. T. M.

38.—THOMAS BLAIR lived in Georgia, left there with his large family about 1806, settling near Cape Girardeau, Mo. Has any one a record showing names of his parents, or his brothers and sisters? —A. B. A.

39.—Information is wanted of descendants of JOHN BLAIR, Revolutionary soldier who emigrated from Ireland with his family, m. Miss Roberson in Co. Antrim, was twice married, had sons Wm., m. Rosy McCallister; JOHN D., m. Mary M.....; NANCY m. Jonathan Lindley; JANE R. m. Wiley Taylor Rigsby; ANDREW m. Martha .....; JAMES .....; William Blair's Bible is in existence showing Jonathan Lindley's birth-date. Lindley data also desired. —Mrs. J. L. Beeson.

## ANSWERS

"God Helps them that help themselves."—Old Scotch Proverb.

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Under "Blairiana"—Miscellaneous Data, page 55, mention is made of the reward of $200.00 for information locating D. W. BLAIR, jr., who, Mrs. A. B. Andrews writes is the son of Judge D. W. BLAIR, of Marietta, Georgia. The judge died about two years ago.

On page 59 our quotation from "BLAIR GENEALOGY" by Mrs. Minnie Blair Reynolds reads "Some of his (Dr. JAMES BLAIR, Founder of William and Mary College) descendants are among the oldest and best families of Virginia;" and the records inform us—and so do several of our Searchers—that Dr. JAMES BLAIR died without issue, surviving him, as a son and a daughter had died in childhood.

JAMES ("Jimmy") BLAIR, of the historic "Ride of the Rebel," published at page 53 of the BLAIR MAGAZINE, was originally from Virginia, and was quite young at the time of the Battle of King's Mountain, when he was sent as a messenger by Major McDowell of Kentucky. He settled near Clarksville, Ga.; was a Member of the Georgia Legislature for twenty-five years in the early days, and was deputized by the Legislature to settle some boundary lines with the Indians; he also helped settle and lay out the County of Union, in Georgia, and the county seat of BLAIRSVILLE was named for him. He is said to have married Elizabeth Powell, and had a daughter, ANN BLAIR, who married Joseph Terrell, and their daughter, Elizabeth Terrell married Wm. Johnston. —Contributed by A. B. Andrews.

From M. R. Blair we get the following:

This is the ancestry of "Jimmy Blair" as Dr. Moore had it worked out. I have added a line of his descendants that also trace back to FREEMAN BLAIR; we were never able to connect FREEMAN BLAIR with the other BLAIRS, but think there is a probability that he connects in as a child of JOHN BLAIR, son of WILLIAM BLAIR of Framingham, see page 141 "Blair Book;" JOHN'S second wife was Elizabeth Freeman, and that Freeman got his name from his mother's family.

JAMES BLAIR m. ..... Colbert; Issue: COLBERT BLAIR.

COLBERT BLAIR m. Sarah Morgan; Issue: JAMES ("Jimmy") BLAIR, went south about 1750; JOHN BLAIR; ENOS BLAIR; COLBERT BLAIR, jr.

JAMES BLAIR b. ..... 1762, m. Elizabeth Cleveland; Issue: ARGIN BLAIR.

ARGIN BLAIR....., m. Benjamin Cleveland; Issue: Elizabeth Cleveland. These were cousins.

Elizabeth Cleveland, b. Apr. 16, 1812, d. Sept. 10, 1888, m. Dr. GEORGE BLAIR (b. Feb. 17, 1806, d. May 26, 1881); Issue: ELLEN BLAIR; CORNELIA BLAIR; ANSON BLAIR; EDWIN BLAIR; ALBERT H. BLAIR. Dr. GEORGE BLAIR is descended from the FREEMAN BLAIR (a Vermont) line.

ALBERT H. BLAIR, b. June 12, 1848, m. Ella M. Smith, b. ....., d. Nov. 11, 1911; Issue: MAUDE BLAIR, who is a teacher in the Detroit, Mich., schools ("Asst. Bd. Education, Resides 2214 W. Grand Blvd.;" BESSIE BLAIR.

And from the D. A. R. Lineage Books we have:

"JAMES BLAIR was a soldier under Col. McDowell and was despatched to hasten forward Col. Cleveland to attack Col. Ferguson at King's Mountain."

Family tradition (from Miss. KATE R. BLAIR, Columbus, Ohio, Apr. 1918) tells us that "JAMES BLAIR, 1752-1824, carried despatches at the Battle of King's Mountain, N. C. He is believed to have come originally from Penna.; his brother, a Brig. Gen. in the Continental Army, m. Miss. Turner and lived and died in Maryland. "JIMMY BLAIR" was twice married. The first wife's name is unknown, but her children were: JOSEPH and EZEKIEL, settled in Monroe Co., Ohio; WILLIAM went from Greene Co., Pa., to Illinois; DEBBY remained in Greene Co. Pa.; m. 2nd. April. 15, 1795, Mrs. Amelia Hagerman; Issue: (BLAIR line), LOT BLAIR, 1796-1843; POLLY d. when 32; JERRY; BRICE, 1807-1855, m. Sarah Rush." —Mrs. E. B. Wall.

## VITAL STATISTICS

"True blue will never stain, but dirty red will stain again."—Old Scotch Proverb.

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### BIRTHS

BLAIR, a daughter b. to MAGGIE BLAIR, 19249 St. Aubin, Detroit, Mich., on Aug. 21, 1727.

BLAIR, a son b. to IRENE BLAIR, 6793 Iroquois, Detroit, Mich., Aug. 11, 1927.

BLAIR, a daughter b. to VIOLET BLAIR, 19958 Yacama, Detroit, Mich., Aug. 18, 1927.

BLAIR, a son b. to MARIE BLAIR, 2315 Stair, Detroit, Mich., June 20, 1927.

### MARRIAGES

BLAIR, WILLIAM M., son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SILVERTHORN BLAIR, 401 Seventh Ave., east, Hutchinson, Kansas, to Miss. Mabel E. Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Porter, 610 Fifth Ave., east, in the same city, on Saturday evening, July 23, 1927, at five o'clock. After September 1st they will be at home to their friends at 1003 Avenue A., east, Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. BLAIR is with the Guymon-Petro Wholesale Grocery. His father was the eldest son of JOSIAH WALLACE BLAIR and Emeline Silverthorn; and is the grandson of JOHN WALLACE BLAIR and Candace Strong his wife, of Girard township, Erie, Co., Pa., and the great-grandson of JAMES BLAIR and Mary Wallace his wife, of the same place, who came to Erie County, the one from York County, Pa., the other from Washington County, Pa. (See Blair Magazine, Vol. 1, p. 5).

We extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to this young couple, and invite them into the membership ranks of the society.

BLAIR, MARGARET, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER BLAIR, of Macon, Georgia, to Mr. Joseph LeConte Smith, on Saturday, October 22, 1927. Miss BLAIR is the daughter of Mr. ALEXANDER BLAIR, our Active Member No. 47, and the heartiest of good wishes are extended to this young couple by the BLAIR Society.

BLAIR, REA, age 35, and Leonard J. Baker, age 31, of Greenville, Ill., obtained a Detroit Marriage License Aug. 10, 1927.

### DEATHS

BLAIR, GEORGE P., on Saturday ..... 1927, aged 74 years, at his residence, 310 V. Street, Washington, D. C. Mr. BLAIR was an Indian War veteran who was b. in Jessup's Cut., Md., in 1853, came to Washington about sixty years ago, served some time in the army on the Arizona Border during the 80's, and later conducted a barber shop at Seventh Street and Florida Avenue, Wash., D. C. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna M. Blair, and two children, JAMES BLAIR, of Cleveland, O., and BERNICE BLAIR, of 310 V. Street. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

BLAIR, LUTHER B..... Saturday, Dec. 18, 1926, at the hospital in Ft. Worth, Tex., aged 54 years and 26 days. He was born near Alvarado, Texas Nov. 22, 1872, a son of one of the pioneer families of Johnson County, where he grew to manhood, and in 1908 m. Miss. Mitsie Hodge, of Alvarado, Texas, who d. at the residence south of Alvarado on July 21, 1916. Mr. BLAIR was extensively engaged in farming and other business enterprises, owning extensive farming interests in his home county and in Ellis County; a large ginning plant at Alvarado, and largely engaged in the cotton trade. He was of a jovial and friendly disposition, and had friends wherever he went. Mr. BLAIR is survived by two sisters, Mrs. TOM BLAIR of Palacios, and Mrs. Cowan, of Denton; also by a half-brother, ROBERT BLAIR, of Brownwood. Interment was made in Alvarado Cemetery, Texas.

Our sympathy goes out to the friends, and especially to Mrs. A. B. Andrews, his cousin, and to Miss Bobbie Clack, his niece.

From OLD BERGEMEISTER CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS (Reformed Dutch Church formerly stood at Pluckamin, N. J.).

JOHN BLAIR died May 31, 1837 in 66 year of his age.

JOHN J. BLAIR died Jan. 19, 1858 age 61 years 8 mo. 12 days.

MARY LANE BLAIR (wife of JOHN) died Apr. 5, 1833 in 70 year.

ROBT. BLAIR died Feb. 8, 1800 age 51 years 7 mo. 15 days.

Rev. ROBT. J. BLAIR born near 1800.

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## BLANDFORD and WORCESTER RECORDS

Contributed by Mrs. E. B. Wall.

"The ill use we make o' our prosperity is often the cause o' our misfortunes." —Old Scotch Proverb.

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Selected BLAIR names from the general lists contained in a package of MSS., on file in the Library of the S. A. R., Los Angeles, Cal.; proved data is indicated, other is subject to verification.

SALLY, b. Oakham, Mass. Nov. 27, 1772; d. Oct. 23, 1683, m. George Black, b. Apr. 22, 1773 (In another place as Nov. 27, 1772; d. at Watervliet, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1810.

JAMES, of Great Britain, m. Sarah Downing Oct. 3, 1715. "Forbid by her Oct. 15, 1715." (No explanation of last sentence given). —Boston Marriages, Putnam's Hist. Maga. Sept. 1898, p. 243.

DAVID BLAIR of Boston m. to Margaret French of Salem, Mass., Oct. 18, 1739.

From History of Rutland, Mass.

JOHN BLAIR 2, "from the North of Ireland," b. 1710, m. at Brookfield 5, 24, 1734 Mery Howard. He died at Warren 1796.

JAMES 2 (ROBERT 1), Millwright, Rutland, Mass.; in 1764 received land in Cedar Swamp. (Lieut. JAMES BLAIR; he was one of the Alarm Men, 1776. Wife's name not given. His children were: ISABEL BLAIR, m. June 23, 1768, Patrick Watson; MARY, m. Nov. 2, 1789, Samuel McClanahan * of Palmer; John, m. Dec. 23, 1780, Anne Bothwell; HUGH, m. Nov. 7, 1772, Jane McClenahan * Charlestown, Mass. *Note: There is a McClenahan Blair Line of Virginia and Ohio. Is this a clue?

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From the History of Huntingdon and Summerset County, N. J., compiled by James P. Snell, 1881, Vol. 1, contributed by Mrs. A. B. Andrews, we quote:

GILBERT BLAIR married Elizabeth Farley May 3, 1817.

JAMES BLAIR married Ann Lane Dec. 9, 1815 (Galpin).

JAMES BLAIR married Bettie ..... Dec. 22, 1822 (Fisher).

PETER BLAIR married Rachel Wolf July 2, 1855 (English).

WILLIAM E. BLAIR married Sarah A. Moore May 7, 1859.

PHOEBE BLAIR married James Brennon Mar. 30, 1870.

Then there is a JANE BLAIR Costomer of Pluckamin, N. J. store 1768-1775.

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## WILLS FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND
### HAGERSTOWN

ANDREW BLAYER, will dated Apr. 24, 1787; probated Dec. 12, 1796; Witnesses, Joseph Mains, Philip Lane, and David Startzman; beneficiaries, wife Elizabeth; sons JOHN, JAMES, DAVID ;daughters, MARY Shelby; CATHERINE Moran; ANN McClellan; SUSANNAH Daugherty; Eleanor Daugherty.

JAMES BLAIR, will dated Dec. 17, 1827; probated Apr. 8, 1828; witnesses, Wilfred Hammet, Michael Bohrer, John Schmerlt; beneficiaries, sons ANDREW, JAMES,

JOHN, EPHRAIM, and DAVID; daughters ELIZABETH, MARTHA, HANNAH, and RUTH.

JOHN BLAIR, Intestate; administration Dec. 21, 1799; distribution: 1/3 to widow (not named); children, JOHN, ANDREW, SAMUEL, SARAH, ELIZABETH Brotherton, and one undecipherable name.

ANDREW BLAIR, Intestate; administration Oct. 21, 1820; no distribution.

CHARITY BLAIR, Intestate; administration Aug. 5, 1837; no distribution.

JESSE BLAIR, Intestate; administration July 29, 1851; distribution to creditors.

JAMES BLAIR, Intestate; administration Jan. 8. 1890; distribution to ten children: CATHERINE Sword; HARRIET Eichelberger; ALICE Bailey; MALINDA B. Phillips; LAURA V. Moyer; and JOHN L. BLAIR.

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JAMES BLAIR m. Isabella Boyd (1644 3/10/1700). Their son was

ROBERT BLAIR, m. Isabella Rankin (1683-1765). Their sons were

MATTHEW BLAIR, 1704 ?, m. Jane Alexander, 2/21/1754; and

JAMES BLAIR his brother, 1706?, m. Ann Pepper.

JAMES BLAIR (ex.-JOHN 3. MATTHEW 2, DAVID 1) bap. Oct. 23, 1748, Hardwick Mass. m. 1st, Sarah Joslyn, April 26, 1770; m. 2nd, Widow Anne Hager.

ASA BLAIR, b. May 13, 1780; m. 1st Mehitabel Ludden; m. 2nd Mahala Page (BLAIR) widow of his brother JOEL.

ABRA. BLAIR, m. Welthy Moore, 1808.

DAVID, jr. (BLAIR), m. Mary Black, 1766.

JOEL, and Polly Lasson, 1786.

JOHN, and Mary Joslyn, 1816.

ROBERT BLAIR, jr., of Blandford & Hanna Haymond, 1769.

DAVID BLAIR 1, b. abt. 1680; with 11 children to America, 1720. His son

MATTHEW BLAIR 2, b. 1708. His son (and other children):

JOHN BLAIR 3, b. 1710 in Scotland: JAMES; WILLIAM, 1716; ROBERT; JOSEPH; SARAH; DOLLY; MARY; BETSEY; DAVID.
NOTE: In another place it states that JAMES BLAIR m. Anne Pepper. Two Anne Peppers? We print this as we received it, and as our contributor found it. JOHN 3 m. Anne Pepper, and their son

JAMES BLAIR 4, bap. Oct. 23, 1748, Hardwick, Mass.,
m. 1st, Sarah Joslyn-Josslyn April 26, 1770.
m. 2d, Widow Ann Hager; children born at Hardwick:

1 LUCY BLAIR 5, b. 1771, m. (see certified Oakham, Mass Vital Records below.

2 SALLY BLAIR 5, b. Nov. 27, 1772.

3 KATE BLAIR 5,

4 JOSEPH, BLAIR 5,

5 JOHN BLAIR 5, died the same day.

6 ASA BLAIR 5, May 13, 1780.

7 JAMES BLAIR 5, b. "abt. 1782."

8 POLLY BLAIR 5, abt. 1784.

9 HOSEA BLAIR 5, abt. 1787.

10 LOEL BLAIR 5, abt. 1790, "father of Lorenzo, who m. Cornelia Dunn." (ASA, No. 6 above, m. 1st Mehitabel Ludden. 2nd Mahala Page (BLAIR), widow of his brother JOEL. That makes the Page connection.—E. B. W.)

ASA BLAIR 5 and his wife, Mehitabel Ludden, had:

ELI BLAIR; EDSON BLAIR, m. Caroline Pease (b. near Whitney's Point, 6 May, 1816) dau. of Philo and Mary Pease; SPENCER BLAIR, m. Marie Knapp; LOUISA BLAIR, m. Hugh Cunningham; ELMYRA BLAIR, m. James Irving, "went west;" CLARINDA BLAIR m. Elijah Ferguson, to California; LUCY BLAIR m. George Hamlin, Montrose, Penna.

## OAKHAM, MASS., TOWN RECORDS

Certified May 28, 1907.

Children of JAMES and Sarah Josslyn BLAIR:

JAMES was baptised Oct. 23, 1748, Hardwick, Mass.; m. 1st, April 1, 1770, Sally Josslyn; m. 2nd, Dec. 22, 1799, Widow Anne Hagar. All children by Sally:

Births:

LUCY, b. Jan. 24, 1771.
SALLY, b. Nov. 27, 1772.
KATE, b. Nov. 18, 1774.
JOSEPH, April 10, 1777.
JOHN, Feby. 21, 1779.
ASA, May 13, 1780.
JAMES, Nov. 4, 1782.
POLLY, Dec. 10, 1784.
HOSEA, Aug. 3, 1787.

Marriages:

LUCY, and Benjamin Rogers, of Spencer July 8, 1792.
SALLY, George Black, Aug. 14, 1793.
KATIE, Samuel Stone, jr., Oct. 20, 1795.
JAMES, & Widow Ann Hager Dec. 22, 1799.
ASA & Mehitabel Ludden of Spencer, July 20, 1800.
JOSEPH & Polly Hager, Oct. 6, 1800.

Deaths:

JOHN, Feby. 21, 1779, aged one day. ATTEST: Jesse Allen, Town Clerk.

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## WORCESTER VITAL RECORDS, Not Certified.

JAMES BLAIR of Rutland and Martha Young, 1778.

MARY BLAIR and Sim Duncan, jr., 1780.

MATTHEW BLAIR of Blandford and Jane Alexander, 2, 21, 1754.

ROBERT BLAIR of Pelham & Mary McClanahan 8, 24, 1749.

ROBERT BLAIR & Betsey Harrington of Holden, 1783.

SALLY BLAIR & Nathan Rogers of Holden 12, 11, (perhaps 1783. Not clear).

DEATHS, Worcester Vital Records:

BETSEY, wife of ROBERT BLAIR, 9, 20, 1837, aged 77.

ROBERT BLAIR, 6, 11, 1837, aged 81.

BIRTHS, ditto:

DAVID, son of ROBERT, jr., and Hannah BLAIR, 3, (25 or 15), 1749.

DOROTHY ..... 1750.

HANNA, ..... 1751.

ROBERT ..... 4, 3, 1747. "Many more" says a note.

In another list—authority is given—is found the marriage of ROBERT BLAIR, jr., and Hanna Haymond, 1769 (?), clearly a mistake.—E. B. W.

JAMES BLAIR, a Coachman, Born in Scotland 1710. At the age of 5 went with his parents to Ireland; when he was 7 they came to America. Married Anne Pepper, an English Lady. Another statement: He was born abt. 1725, came to America about 1732, when he was 7 years old.

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Another List of the children of

ASA BLAIR and Mehitabel Ludden his wife: She was b. Oct. 5, 1781, d. July 4, 1841.

Perhaps I had better add, these seem intended as their children.—E. B. W.

ELI, Dec. 19, 1801—Aug. 16, 1887. Married Lodica Johnson.

ELNORA BLAIR IRVING, Jany. 10, 1804.

ASAPH, July 9, 1806—Aug. 7, 1806.

EDSON, June 1, 1810—Sept. 1, 1884; m. Caroline Pease.

* Louisa Cunningham, 1801—1846 (?) (Was she a kin of ELI?) "she d. Dec. 2, 1845?"

LUCY ANN BLAIR HAMLIN, b. April 30, 1818.

SPENCER, b. May 24, 1822.

CLARINDA BLAIR FERGUSON, 1815.

* Note: Some Blair-Cunningham ancestry.

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Robert Cunningham, b. Ireland abt. 1740; m. MARTHA BLAIR of Warren, Mass. abt. 1765.

Robert Cunningham, the father of 4 sons, was b. in Ireland 1677; to Boston 1717; to Spencer, Mass., 1731; d. 1766, aged 89; his family went to Ireland abt. 1675.

"HUGH CUNNINGHAM, b. Ayrshire, Scotland, 1674; had son Hugh 2 and a grandson, Hugh 3 who was b. in Brookfield, Mass., and m. LOUISA, sister ELI and EDSON BLAIR." "Had: Palmer, Dexter, John, Harrison, & Margaret Cunningham."
Note: The foregoing may refer to ROBERT b. 1677, had John, Hugh, Robert and James Cunningham. (???)—E. B. W.

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## ORIGIN OF "ATHOLE BROSE"

One of the Unique Traditions of the west and south of Scotland.

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"Many tourists from South Britain who have occasionally visited Dunkeld and its vicinity, must have heard of Athole Brose; and some of the most curious among the Saxon ..uculluses may perhaps have tasted it; but having tasted of such a delicious and darling highland delicacy, could the half-ambrosia'd son of the South account for its origin ? Even some of the Celtic nuntsmen and milkmaids who have rushed through all the revelry of a Highland reel, to the bagpipes, or to the bow of a Gow, when Athole Brose was the melody called formay, perchance, not be aware that the origin of their darling drink stands connected with traditions and with recollections akin to the ducal coronet of Murray; aye, and explanatory of the heraldic honours and mottoes of that illustrious house.

"About three centuries ago, the lands and honours of Tullibardine happened to centre in a beautiful female. This young and coroneted maid of the Tay was fond of perambulating the romantic forests, which then adorned the banks of the rivers from Dunkeld to BLAIR OF ATHOLE. These forests were, however, infested

then by a gigantic wild man, who would dart upon strollers and destroy them, or who would rob any unguarded people of whatever fruits or viands they might be carrying about them.

"This savage of the woods had sometimes crossed the path of the heiress of Tullibardine. She stood naturally aghast at being met or waylaid by a Cain-looking, half-naked savage; and at last she pledged her hand, and a portion of land to any unmarried man who should kill him or fetter him.

"Several attempted, but were either felled by the savage, or compelled to fly from him. At the particular desire of the young lady, however, a handsome and agile young yeoman attempted and prevailed, and the plan which succeeded shall now be described. There was in a spot in the forest a hollow stone, which received the water of a cool fountain, concealed among a dense grove of oaks . At a certain hour every day this satyr of Athole was observed to repair to the stone basin, and to quench his thirst. The young Highlander one day turned aside the rill which filled the basin from the fountain, and emptied the basin of all its contents. He then filled it with honey and a liquid like the present Highland whiskey, admitting a little water, the better to conceal the potion; he then retired, climbing a tree, from whence he could unobserved, watch the success of his stratagem.

"At the wonted hour, the savage of the forest arrived. As usual, he fell flat on his belly, and began to drink. Enticed by the palatable mixture, he drained it to the bottom. The hydromel soon took effect. The satyr became intoxicated; he fell into slumber and stupidity ;and his wary victor descended from his tree, bound him with fetters which he had previously provided, and with some help, which he soon obtained, carried him before his fair employer, and modestly demanded his wages.

"The demand was soon accorded; the beautiful heiress of Tullibardine gave her hand and her lands, in consequence, to the humble but accomplished yeoman, for whom she had sighed in secret. Indeed some of the clansmen thought that she had wished this youth alone to succeed in manacling the satyr, that she might with more propriety give her hand to a man, who, she was conscious, was considerably her inferior with regard to worldly wealth and honours.

"Tradition says—that from that day that peculiar mixture of honey, spirits, &c., was constantly called 'Athole Brose;' and the circumstance of fettering the half-naked savage suggested the armorial bearings and motto, which for centuries have been assumed by the ducal family of Athole. Indeed, the figure of a naked man standing in fetters, and the very peculiar and appropriate motto—"Furth, and fill the fetters," can leave little doubt as to the correctness of this Highland tradition. The young champion, beloved by his mightier mistress, did indeed go "forth and fill the fetters."

"It stands recorded in the history of Scotland, that, when the recreant Bothwell offered to fight in single combat any respectable noble or gentleman who should accuse him of being accessory to the death of Lord Darnley, that the challenge was accepted by Murray of Tullibardine. Now, tradition half whispers that this was the son or grandson of the champion who fettered the wild man. Queen Mary, then unhappily affianced to Bothwell, forbade the fight between the impudent regicide and the gallant Highlandman; else, perhaps, young Tullibardine might either have fettered or felled the intruder on Darnley's bride, as effectually as his progenitor fettered the satyr of the forest, and won a Highland bride for himself.

"The Murrays of Tullibardine were, in 16..... created Marquises of Tullibardine and Dukes of Athole, and they also became sovereigns of the Isle of Man. Thus, the mountainous and romantic country, from BLAIR to Inver, and the Mona, for which even Scandinavia's Kings contested, became the hereditary domains of the offspring of a simple yeoman, who, by decoying and fettering an Athole savage, won the hand, as he had previously done the heart, of a Highland heiress.

"The outline of the foregoing tradition was recited to the author by the Rev. D. Pollock, brother of the celebrated poet, of the "Course of Time." Mr. D. Pollock said that the story was related to him in Athole by some very respectable old people, who seemed quite acquainted with every circumstance attending the side of the ducal family of Murray.

"Whoever shall carefully examine the armorial bearings of that family, will likely deem the tradition corroborated by the naked figure in chains, and by the very remarkable motto—"Furth, and fill the fetters."—John Gordon Barbour.

## JUST OURSELVES

"These mentioned by their names were princes in their families; and the house of their father increased greatly." —1 Chronicles, iv., 38.

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Maurice Reuben Blair

MAURICE REUBEN BLAIR (Charter Member No. 4), is the eldest son of HENRY HARRISON BLAIR (Oct. 3, 1836-Apr. 28, 1911) and Sara (Warrenner) BLAIR (Oct. 1, 1837-Mar. 28, 1926), and was born Dec. 18, 1858 in the township of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, in what is now the Village of Clawson, a suburb of Detroit; but at that time the country was new and thinly settled. Shortly after his birth his parents moved to the small settlement which was then and for several years afterward known as BLAIR'S MILL, because his Grandfather, SAMUEL BLAIR, jr., (consult BLAIR MAGAZINE pp. 22-25 incl) at that time owned and operated a saw-mill there. His early education was obtained in the rural school which was located half a mile away. Later he attended the Birmingham High School, which was five miles distant from his home; and often when the roads were muddy and almost impassable for a horse, he would walk the ten miles rather than be absent from school.

At the age of fifteen he commenced working for Bowers and Clark in their Barrel Heading and Stave Factory, and continued in their service for ten years, when, owing to the scarcity of timber, they were obliged to close their factory. During the latter part of this period he acted as foreman.

For the next three years he farmed and did carpenter work; but seeing no future to this he decided to learn the drug business, and obtained a position with Whitehead and Mitchell, of Birmingham, Michigan; where, after obtaining the necessary three years practical experience, and after much hard study, he took the Pharmaceutical Examination, and was one of the lucky seven in a class of over ninety to receive a Registered Pharmacist's certificate. In 1895 he accepted a position as Prescription and Chief Clerk with F. Hagerman in his drug store in Birmingham, Michigan, where he remained for six years, and then he entered into business for himself in the same town by opening the Central Drug Store, which he conducted until 1908.

Observing an opening for a first-class drug store in Royal Oak, he entered into a partnership with Charles M. Smith, of Detroit, Michigan, a traveling salesman with the Michigan Drug Company, and moved the drug stock to that village, and opened up a drug store under the name of Smith and BLAIR, BLAIR being manager, he conducted the store for six years, building up a very prosperous business during that time. Receiving a very flattering offer, they sold out their stock and good-will.

At this time Royal Oak was just starting the wonderful growth it has since attained. Employees from the Ford Motor Company, and various other industrial plants in Detroit were coming with their families to Royal Oak. It was at this time that he was elected Village Clerk, and at once plunged into the duties necessary to properly conduct the affairs of that municipal corporation. Streets were being opened in every direction; pavements, sewers, side walks, and water-mains were being laid. All this demanded much labor and study of the legal requirements, all of which was properly performed, and he was re-elected year after year.

When the United States became involved in the World War, he refused to again be a candidate for the office. He secured a position with the Fisher Body Company, of Detroit, Michigan, in the Paymaster's office, where he remained until 1921. On July 5th, 1921, he was given charge of the Statistical Department of the Union Trust Company, of Detroit, Michigan, where he is still employed. On March 12, 1882, at Birmingham, Michigan, he married Nellie Allen, daughter of Frank and Rebecca (Gee) Allen. They have two sons and one daughter, (See pp. 25), and reside in the City of Royal Oak, a suburb of Detroit.

"The story of woman's work in great migrations has been told only in lines and passages, where it ought to fill volumes."—Wm. W. Fowler.

Mrs. Alice BLAIR Andrews

MRS. ALICE BLAIR ANDREWS (Charter Member No. 13) was born February 1, 1863, at Round Rock, Texas; February 12, 1891 she married Mr. Frank Marion Andrews, at Clinton, Missouri. He died April 21, 1906. They had one son, Joseph Frank Andrews (Life Member No. 52), with offices in New York City.

On her maternal side she is a descendant of an unusually long line of distinguished ancestors made up of many statesmen, divines, and men who were prominent in legal affairs. Among the more prominent of these ancestors were King Malcolm and Robert Bruce, of Scotland. The Irvine family, an "Old Scotch Border Clan" dating back to A. D. 1,000 to Cyrmus Eryvimus, founder and chief of Irvine Clan (Bonsham branch); is closely related to James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and of General Robert E. Lee, of Virginia; she is a descendant of John Knox, the Founder of Presbyterianism, and of which faith she is a devoted member.

The subject of this sketch has for a number of years been an enthusiastic and tireless worker in many branches of genealogical and historical research, and her manifold activities along these lines have been utilized in her appointment as "Histographer of the Irvine Society of America," and Searcher of the BLAIR SOCIETY. She has been active in Club work, and was the organizer and first Registrar of Roswell Chapter of the D. A. R.; later she served as Regent of this Chapter and acted as its representative at the National Congress. During this same period she organized, and served as president of the Patrick Henry Society Children of the American Revolution, at Roswell, New Mexico. She is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, J. Harvey Matthews Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee.

Her father, ROBERT DONNELL BLAIR, was born May 24, 1834, near Humboldt; Tennessee, and was largely interested in coal mines in Ray, Lafayette, and Randolph counties, Missouri, as well as being the owner of two steam-boats, the "Alice" and "The Alice Blair."

He married Josephine Wilson, who was born Nov. 23, 1841, on Jan 14, 1862. She was a daughter of Judge John McElroy Wilson and Eleanor Lee, of Clarksville, Arkansas. She died at Roswell, New Mexico, April 11, 1910, and he died May 31, 1910.

The children of this marriage were eight, of whom seven lived to maturity, viz:
ALICE DONNELL BLAIR, the subject of this sketch;
EMMA BLAIR, b. Mar. 17, 1864, m. Nathaniel Skinner Feb. 28, 1894;
ROBERT EDWARD BLAIR b. Aug. 8, 1865, m. Julia Mead May ..... 1891;
ELLA BLAIR b. Nov. 5, 1869, m. Robert C. Garner Dec. 13, 1893;
NANCY BLAIR b. Nov. 20, 1872, d. at age of 10 mo.;
FRANK PRESTON BLAIR b. Aug. 17, 1874, m. Lena Alam ..... 1904;
JOHN INSLEY BLAIR b. June 18, 1878, m. Viola Conley ..... 1902;
BAILEY WILKINS BLAIR b. Sept. 30, 1880, m. ..... Dec. 19, 1904, d. May ..... 1917 leaving one son, YOES BLAIR b. Apr. ..... 1910.

The grandfather of our subject, ANDREW BLAIR, jr., was b. Jan. 12, 1810, d. Sept. 24, 1888, in Texas; m. 1st Nancy Sellers, dau. of Jacob Sellers, Oct. 7, 1830, in Tenn.; she b. Jan. 10, 1810 and d. Dec. 18, 1851; issue— four children: NANCY BLAIR m. James Blackshear; ROBERT DONNELL BLAIR (father of our subject); TABITHA BLAIR, m. Joel H. Blackshear; CALVIN C. BLAIR, m. widow Whitmer, nee Ella Tosh; ANDREW BLAIR m. 2nd Martha Reeves, issue: one daughter, SOPHIA VIRGINIA BLAIR who m. Mr. Cooke.

Her grandfather, ANDREW BLAIR, sr., was b. Apr. 24, 1774, in Guilford County, N. C.; m. Feb. 15, 1798 Jean Dickey, a dau. of George Dickey, a Revolutionary War soldier from S. C., and of Polly his wife; he d. Aug. 17, 1857, at Round Rock, Texas. She was b. May 15, 1778, and d. Feb. 25, 1858 at Round Rock, Texas. Issue seven sons as follows:

JOHN D. .....BLAIR b. Jan. 17, 1800, m. Clarissa Leach;
GEORGE D. .....BLAIR b. Aug. 12, 1801, m. Martha McGuire;
EPHRAIM BLAIR b. Jan. 5, 1803, m. Caroline Mellor;
THOAMS BAY BLAIR b. July 5, 1807, m. Sarah Holmes;
ANDREW BLAIR, jr., (grandfather of this subject);
DAVID D. .....BLAIR b. Jan. 12, 1812, m. Lucy Smith;
ROBERT DONNELL BLAIR b. Oct. 15, 1815, never married.

Her great, great, grandfather, JOHN BLAIR, b. about 1742, m. about 1762, Jean ..... and d. near Guilfird Court House, North Carolina, Sept. ..... 1778. His children were as follows:

THOMAS BLAIR b. ..... 1764, m. Sarah Carnahan (or Callahan) and d. ..... 1841 at Newton County, Missouri;
JOHN BLAIR b. ..... 1766, m. is cousin MARTHA BLAIR Apr. 19, 1790; d. Dec. 18, 1844 in Tennessee;
ANDREW BLAIR, sr., (great grandfather of our subject);
JONATHAN BLAIR b. ..... 1777, m. Sarah Sloss about 1800, d. Jan. 12, 1842 in Texas;
MARTHA BLAIR b. ....., m. John Billingsley .....1790, d. in Texas;
JEAN BLAIR b. ..... m. William Wright and d. Aug. 24, 1842 in Gibson County, Tennessee;
NANCY BLAIR b. after Sept. ..... 1778, m. George Rankin and d. in Tennessee.

MARTHA BLAIR, mentioned above, is said to have lived to the age of 104, and spun and wove her own burial shroud some years before her death. She was called "The Woman Preacher," and was the first convert of the Great Revival of 1800.

The tradition is that we are descended from one of the three BLAIR brothers who came to America about 1700.

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Joseph Frank Andrews

JOSEPH FRANK ANDREWS (Life-member No. 51), born Aug. 30, 1893, at Clinton, Missouri. He is the only child of ALICE BLAIR Andrews, Charter Member No. 13, and Frank Marion Andrews her husband. His father was the son of Margarete Harmon, daughter of Major Harmon of Tennessee and Lorenzo Don Andrews of Vermont. The father of our subject was born May 7, 1848, and died April 21, 1906 on "Woodburn Plantation," in Mississippi.

Our subject was a student at the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., graduating June 17, 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Science and Electrical Engineering, and is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He entered the Engineering Officers' Training Camp at Fort McPherson, was later assigned to the Aviation Service School Division, and taught Radio and Signaling at Georgia School of Technology, and Cornell University during the World War. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, also of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

Further ancestral data is published in THE BLAIR MAGAZINE Vol. 1, Pages 87-8.

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* "There is no heroic poem in the world but is at bottom the life of a man." —Sir Walter Scott.